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*Admission into Medical Colleges.*

* 158-B *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to implement the recommendation of the Bhore Committee with regard to admission of one-third of the students into the Medical Colleges on grounds of merit only ; and

(*b*) if so, whether instructions have been issued to the Principals of the various Medical Colleges to the above effect?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Pending final decision on the recommendation of the Bhore Committee, Government ordered that, in connexion with the admission to the Medical Colleges (as well as the Engineering Colleges), during 1946–47, 20 per cent of the seats should be reserved for candidates selected on grounds of merit. The question whether such reservation of seats should be continued for 1947–48 is under consideration."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government hope to arrive at a decision in this matter? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Early in June, Sir."

*Motor Transport Co-operative Societies.*

* 159 *Q.*—Sri H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have a scheme for starting motor transport co-operative societies for ex-servicemen ; if so, what are the details and what is the financial guarantee offered to Scheduled Banks by the Government for such schemes ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that jeeps are proposed to be used as taxies in such service ; and whether the Government have satisfied themselves that the use of jeeps as taxies is in accordance with Motor Vehicles Act ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that ex-servicemen are asked to invest moneys for such a scheme, and if so, how much per man ; and

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the question whether such new transport services will throw any of the existing lorry and taxi-drivers and other staff connected with the operation of these out of employment, and if so, whether the Government propose to provide alternative employment for such persons?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The Government have generally approved a scheme submitted by the Regional Director of Resettlement and Employment for the formation of 20 District Motor Transport Societies, one for each district, except in Chingleput, Ramnad, The Nilgiris, Cuddapah and South Kanara and one Central Society at Madras for ex-servicemen. A brief note giving details of the scheme[a] is

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 715–717 infra.

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placed on the table of the House. The Government have guaranteed an overdraft of Rs. 32 lakhs with the Indian Bank, Limited, Madras.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) A member must pay Rs. 50 for each share taken by him.

" (d) The Government consider that it is unlikely that any person will be thrown out of employment since the ex-servicemen's Transport Co-operatives will only supplement and not replace the present transport services."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the poor response from ex-servicemen to various schemes of rehabilitation undertaken by the Government, will the Government consider the desirability of getting all schemes, especially this matter of transport scheme, re-examined and altered, wherever necessary, so that public funds may not be wasted? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have accepted the scheme and they do not believe that public funds are being wasted on this."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what is the staff employed under the Directorate of Resettlement for this particular purpose of motor transport? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Notice."

*Textile bribery case.*

* 160 Q.—SRI S. A. S. RM. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the appeals against acquittal preferred by the Government in Textile bribery case were dismissed by the High Court;

(b) the amount spent in respect of this case both in the Magistrate's Court and in the High Court;

(c) who advised the appeal in the case in the face of strong judgment of the trial court;

(d) whether the Government would place on the table of the House my letter to the Hon. Minister, dated 19th May 1946, strongly advising against the filing of an appeal against the acquittal and state what steps were taken in pursuance of the facts stated therein; and

(e) why the Government allowed an appeal to be filed and public funds wasted to the extent of about Rs. 10,000 in spite of the facts disclosed in the lower Court's judgment?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) There was no expenditure to Government by way of fees to their Law officers in connexion with the prosecutions in the